

### **PARKS & RECREATION FACILITIES**

The Mission Statement for the Houston Parks and Recreation Department is “to enhance the quality of life by providing safe, well-maintained parks and offering affordable programs for the community”. This mission is accomplished through the operation, maintenance and expansion of the Houston Parks System. Consequently, the Department’s overall strategy for capital improvements and the use of all available funding, including bond funds, is to improve the quality of life for individual neighborhoods and the city at large.

The Department is upgrading existing parks, developing unique systems of natural waterways into linear park systems, expanding existing park properties and adding new park facilities.

The FY 2008-2013 Parks and Recreation Facilities Improvement Program totals \$109 million and is funded by several funding sources. The significant funding sources include: \$13.7 million in authorized available bond funds; \$8.2 million in general improvement funds, \$5.5 million in grant funds; \$55 million as a result of the 2006 bond election; and \$26.6 million from other funding sources or resources leveraged from other agencies and private contributions. The current 2001 Parks Master Plan is being updated and will help determine the best use of 2006 voter approved bond issue.